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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF ACTORS

1. LEADERS OF NATIONAL ACTORS UNION (SIDARTE) AND NATIONAL MUSICIANS UNION HAVE INFORMED US THAT ACTORS UNION LEADER SERGIO BUSHMANN AND HIS WIFE WERE RECENTLY DETAINED FOR THIRD TIME BY CHILEAN AUTHORITIES. BOTH WERE HELD FOR SEVERAL DAYS ON LATEST OCCASION: THEY CLAIM THEY WERE QUESTIONED AND BEATEN BEFORE RELEASE. NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST THEM. (COMMENT: IF LABATT MEMORY SERVES HIM WELL, BUSHMANN WAS DELEGATE AT FITE CONGRESS IN BOGOTA IN 1972. HE THREATENED TO DISAFFILIATE FROM FITE IF ANTI-KENNECOTT RESOLUTION FAILED TO PASS.)

2. LEADERS ASKED THAT INFORMATION ON ABOVE ARREST AND 13-MONTH DETENTION OF SIDARTE MEMBER HERNAN ORMENA FERNANDEZ BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF AFL-CIO AND NEW YORK-BASED FITE REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD WALSH. BUSHMANN AND WIFE WANT TO LEAVE CHILE BUT DO NOT HAVE AUTHORITIES' PERMISSION. ORMENA AND FAMILY WANT TO EMIGRATE TO UK. WE UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE VALID BRITISH VISAS AND EMPLOYMENT ASSURED THERE. ORMENA HAS BEEN HELD AT PUCHUNCAVI DETENTION CENTER FOR PAST 13 MONTHS WITH NO CHARGES FILED.

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3. LEADERS CLAIMED THEY HAVE TRIED TO COMMUNICATE MUCH OF

ABOVE INFORMATION BY MAIL, WHICH THEY SUSPECT HAS BEEN
INTERCEPTED BY AUTHORITIES. THEY ARE REQUESTING FITE'S
ASSISTANCE.

4. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT.
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